



Union Member - here is your May, 2020 e-newsletter (with updates since early April):

[Equipping Members with Information During the Pandemic](#)

Further COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) crisis-related resources and updates available online have over the past four weeks been added to the AFT Connecticut website:

- [Click here for our Healthcare division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our PreK-12 teachers division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Public Employees division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Paras & School-Related Personnel \(PSRP\) division main page.](#)
- [Click here for our Higher Education division main page.](#)

[Offering Solidarity Online on May Day](#)

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel joined union leaders to deliver a virtual message to labor activists across the world battling Coronavirus and its impact. [Click here to watch the clip Labour Start aired during its first-ever worldwide May Day video broadcast.](#)

[Discussing Distance Learning on "AFT in Action"](#)

The presidents of our state federation and the Connecticut Education Association (CEA) in late April co-hosted a COVID-19 tele-town hall for teachers. [Click here for highlights of their conversation with education department leaders, who joined them to answer members' questions.](#)

["Fighting Like Hell for the Living"](#)

State and local union leaders in late April came together to contribute video messages to the Connecticut AFL-CIO's annual Workers Memorial Day commemoration. [Click here to share the full program, featuring Jan Hochadel's call to honor victims of workplace gun violence.](#)

[Securing Pay and Opportunities to Support their Students](#)

Leaders of AFT Connecticut-affiliated PSRP unions have since their school buildings closed in mid March negotiated with district officials to keep members working. [Click here to learn how two locals mobilized to win strong agreements that would "build each other up."](#)

[Demanding Respect for Frontline Health Professionals](#)

Members of our affiliated local unions at three Hartford HealthCare (HHC)-operated facilities in mid April launched a community petition targeting the network's senior executives. [Click here to add your name to their demand for protective gear and hazard pay during the pandemic.](#)

[Urging Lawmakers Act to Protect Working Families](#) *

State federation leaders in early April began mobilizing union activists to advocate for the Connecticut AFL-CIO's proposed agenda for an official Coronavirus response. [Click here to learn more about the action launched before the General Assembly's 2020 legislative session was canceled.](#)

[Elevating Caregivers' Concerns Over PPE Shortages](#)

Labor activists and leaders in early May participated in a virtual round-table forum on personal protective equipment (PPE) issues faced by frontline health workers. [Click here for a photo of participants urging U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal take federal action to help.](#)

Upcoming Activities & Events

- Ongoing: ["Supplies for Healthcare Heroes" PPE Drive](#)
- May 9: [AFT CT 73rd Annual Business Convention](#)
- May 12: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- Through May 15: ["Thank a Hero" Sweepstakes](#)
- May 19: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- May 26: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)
- June 2: [Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Pandemic Update](#)

Featured Benefit

- AFT+: [Trauma Counseling & Services](#)

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